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AFRL HQ honors team and individual contributions at quarterly ceremony

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio — Winners of the Air Force Research Laboratory Headquarters quarterly awards were announced during a presentation ceremony Thursday, September 20 in the First Floor Lobby, Building 15.

Maj Gen Paul Nielsen, AFRL's commander, officiated the ceremony honoring the winners' contributions from April 1, 2001 through June 30, 2001.

"I enjoy the opportunity to recognize and share the accomplishments of our employees who have contributed so much to the mission," Nielsen said.

Bridget Parsons from AFRL's Human Resources Directorate earned the honor of Manager of the Quarter. Parsons was cited for her outstanding contribution as the chief, manpower team, of the Human Resources Directorate. Parsons led a staff that managed all manning authorizations across over 5,300 positions. This review resulted in a net increase of 500 contract manpower equivalents from previous totals. The citation lauded Parsons for combining unmatched technical expertise and exemplary leadership to always "deliver the goods".

Parsons has been with the laboratory since November 1996, and became the Chief of Manpower for AFRL in March 1998.

Capt Darren W. Rhyne received the Employee of the Quarter Award.

Rhyne distinguished himself with outstanding service as a space force support portfolio manager for AFRL's Plans and Programs Directorate. Rhyne is the AFRL commander's representative to Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. In carrying out this duty, Rhyne accomplished all of his day-to-day duties while filling in for the commander 50% of the time.

Rhyne joined AFRL in March 1999, coming from 352d Special Operations Group in RAF Mildenhall, England.

Lois J. Bullock from AFRL's Plans and Programs Directorate was honored as the Administrative Employee of the Quarter.

Bullock was recognized for her ability to function independently to expertly process a minimum of fifty laboratory and directorate level tasks per month. On her own initiative, Bullock developed a comprehensive set of suspense tracking instructions for the directorate which is now used throughout AFRL headquarters. Bullock superbly updated self-generated directorate personnel manning tracking documents used to manage personnel acquisition strategies to ensure requisite expertise is available to fulfill critical S&T motion requirements. Bullock was able to find time to tutor new



QUARTERLY AWARDS — Air Force Research Laboratory Commander Maj Gen Paul Nielsen (left) presents Bridget Parsons (right) her AFRL quarterly award as Manager of The Quarter.

administrative professionals on the directorate's business procedures.

Bullock came to AFRL in November 1997 and has twenty-three years of experience at Wright-Patterson AFB.

Honors for the Team of the Quarter went to the Air Force Defense Technology Transfer Information System Team. Its members include Douglas Blair, Maria Ford, Alan Winn and Todd Whaley.

During the quarter, the team effectively planned, developed and demonstrated a database tool that serves as the Air Force historical repository for technology transfer activity. This depository also interacts with the Defense Technology Information Center database to transfer information by the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, National Imagery and Mapping Agency, and the National Security Council.

"In a day and age where information gathering and dissemination is vital," Nielsen said, "the team created a 21st century, functional, user friendly, interactive web-based tool."

The Air Force Defense Technology Transfer Information System Team is made up of civilian and contractor personnel. @